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Blue Ribbon Dahlia Co.

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TRENTON NEW JERSEY



To Our Patrons



E ARE SENDING THIS, our 1927 Catalog, to all lovers of our favorite flower, the Dahlia. We trust in it you will find something of interest.

If in the past season you have received tubers not true to name,

kindly advise us, and we will rectify the mistake.

When we cannot supply a tuber ordered, we shall cancel the order rather than purchase and send out something we are not sure is true. If you care to have us substitute to the best of our ability, kindly

advise when ordering.

To avoid disappointment, order early. All orders filled in rotation as received. We begin shipping about April fifteenth, and finish some time in May, 1927. We will not guarantee any tubers shipped before April 1st to have eyes, but will select, to the best of our ability, strong tubers, that should develop good eyes, for those who wish to propagate.

All orders taken at Fairs and Exhibitions, and not paid for, are shipped C. O. D. To these we add a postage and packing charge of 25 cents, but always add

an extra tuber of that value or more.

We grow a great many varieties of which we have not enough stock to list. If there are some kinds which you wish and do not find in the Catalog, write — perhaps we may be able to supply them.

If tubers are not satisfactory when received, return at once, and we will replace or refund your money. Remember that the size of the tuber makes no difference, as a small tuber will give as fine flowers as a large one and sometimes better.

If a tuber does not come up within two weeks after planting, dig carefully, and if there is no sign of a sprout, return it. If the fault is ours, we will gladly replace it.

Return tuber as soon as you see there is no chance of it sprouting. Do not wait until the following Fall or Spring, and write us that it did not grow. We positively will not replace a tuber that has not been returned.

If package is received in a damaged condition, open it at once in the presence of carrier, and make claim with your Postmaster or Express Agent for any loss or damage of tubers. Our liability ceases when package is placed in the hands of the Post Office or Express Co., but we will use every effort to have your claim settled at once.

BE SURE AND READ LAST PAGE BEFORE PLANTING.

BLUE RIBBON DAHLIA COMPANY,

E. A. and W. T. ANDREWS.

An Apology

WE REGRET TO SAY THAT WE HAVE A VERY POOR MEMORY FOR NAMES, AND WISH OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS WOULD GREET US AT THE SHOWS SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

"HELLO, MR. ANDREWS, I AM MR. BLANK, OF CHICAGO." I THANK YOU.

E. A. ANDREWS.



King Solomon, h.c. A beautiful orange ange, with an iridescent sheen on the curled and twisted petals, forming an exceptionally artistic dahlia. Stem extra fine and very floriferous, and it can truly be said, Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as beautiful as this dahlia.

Received a rating of 83 at the trial grounds of the Dahlia Society of New Jersey, at New Brunswick, N. J. FIRST PRIZE at the Sesqui-Centennial at Philadelphia, Pa., for the best Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. FIVE other FIRST PRIZES during 1926.

Special Offers

Prices are net, no matter how many you purchase. And positively no change can be made in any collection. Alice Voisinet, Amulet, Bob Pluse, Claude Harlan and El Dorado..... Black Jack, E. Vandeveer, Eva Cole, Faith Garibaldi and Golden Fleece...... \$15.00 Black Jack, Chas. Stratton, E. Vandeveer, E. C. Bull, Eva Cole, Faith Garibaldi, Granada, His Majesty, Jersey Sovereign, Margaret Masson, Chas. Stratton, E. Vandeveer, E. C. Bull, Eva Cole, Faith Garibaldi, Golden CACTUS SPECIAL — Alpine Wonder, Black Pirate, Bonita Helena, Cinderella, Doris Clark, Empire, F. W. Fellows, Guardian, Lady Elizabeth, One tuber of all dahlias listed in this Catalog (no Pompons) and two of our own selection (85 in all)—a most wonderful collection..........\$150.02 One dozen our selection (no Pompons)..... \$5.00 One dozen mixed in handling..... \$2.00



Abbreviations: C.—Cactus; H. C.—Hybrid Cactus; D.—Decorative; P.—Peony; S.—Show.

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Alice Voisinet. H.C.—The color is bronze and copper shading to buff and henna, with a beautiful golden sheen. The flowers are very large with perfect form and extra good stems. It is a good keeper. The foliage of the plant is very dark, being different from any other dahlia
Andy Gump.—The flower is a perfect decorative form above medium in size and keeps well as a cut flower. The stems are extremely long, from 18 to 36 inches. Color, bright red

- Black Jack.—Excellent decorative, of a very dark maroon, almost black. Has perfect large flowers on long, stout stem......\$2.00

- Eliza Clark Bull. D.—This is one of the best white dahlias we have ever grown, stem is perfect, and a profuse bloomer. A prize-winner wherever shown...\$5.00

- Esther Hunt. H.C.—The large blooms are composed of long, well-rolled petals with serrated tips. Even when the flower has faded and the outer petals are falling, this hybrid cactus never shows center. The vivid-colored flowers of Oriental orange make a striking display. Exceptionally fine long stems....\$1.50

- Fay Lanphier. H.C.—This enormous dahlia, of great depth, is a prize-winner. Color, center, Picric Yellow, each petal gradually blending toward the outer edge to a cream yellow. Stem long and stiff. Holds its center through the season....\$7.50

- Judge Marean. D.—A well-known exhibition variety. It is a riot of color, ever changing as the flower ages, salmon-pink, red, orange, yellow and pure gold. A constant bloomer, being at its best in August. A grand dahlia...............\$1.00

King Solomon. H.C.

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- King Tut. D.—An extra large bloom of rich, dark, velvety, glowing, crimson burgundy, of fine formation and with closed centers throughout the season. One of the most admired dahlias in our garden. Indispensable for the darker tones that add richness to a combination of dahlias, especially the Autumn shades. The large, fine blossoms of great substance are held high above strong, medium tall bushes on extra long stiff stems. King Tut is one of our finest cut flowers

- Luetta. D.—A large, deep flower of buttercup yellow, held erect, well above the foliage of a medium-size plant, always in bloom, and holds its center until the end of the season. One of the best new ones we grew last season............\$5.00

- Maiden's Blush. D.—A beautiful flower with graceful pointed petals. The color is pale blush shading to white, slightly tinged with lavender on reverse side. The faint blush effect is really the reflection of the reverse side on the overhanging white petals. A good bloomer and a delightful exhibition type....\$1.50
- Margaret Masson. D.—A 1924 introduction that has given the utmost satisfaction to our customers wherever grown. Aawarded first prize at Wilmington, Del., show for largest flower; first prize at Inter-State Fair, Trenton, for best vase of 12 pink dahlias; first prize at Mahwah, N. J., for largest dahlia in show; awarded Certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of New Jersey. It is a beautiful silvery rose pink of great depth and size. Wonderful exhibition variety on account of its good keeping qualities and fine upright stem. Very free bloomer
- Miss Bridgeton. D.—Deep pink with a suffusion of violet, of large desirable form, good stem, vigorous plant. Has been awarded many prizes......\$1.00

Nature's Masterpiece. D.—A most wonderful dahlia that will soon gain a national reputation as one of the greatest dahlias of all. Its enormous size, great depth, wonderful coloring, and strong growth with cane-like stems, holding the bloom perfectly erect, is unsurpassed. A perfect dahlia in every way. Color is hard to describe — a most elegant, rich combination of old rose, cinnamon and metallic bronze blended into one color, suffused with mulberry increased with a violet-shaded reflex. Only six to dispose of this season
Nichu. H.C.—The blooms are immense, of very incurved shape. Flower is held erect on a strong stalk. A cheerful bloomer which will produce at all parts of the season a mass of clear yellow blossoms
Oasis. D.—A delightful pure pink without any trace of violet or lavender. A large flower on a long stem. Good keeper when cut
Paradise. H.C.—A bold massive flower of the well-known George Walters formation. The special feature of this hybrid cactus is its branching stems of great length and stiffness. The coloring is decidedly different—creamy old rose suffused with gold, so blended as to give a striking brown tone. A vigorous grower and blooms with more than ordinary freedom
Phenomenal. C.—One of the most beautiful of all the incurved cactus dahlias. Color pale salmon pink with yellow base and tips. Profuse bloomer\$1.00
Pierrot. C.—Lovely deep amber, usually boldly tipped white. Flowers are of immense size and very double
Pink Beauty. D.—We have grown this beautiful dahlia for two years, but never before had enough stock to catalog it. A large flower on a good stem. Color, a delightful shade of pink. Keeps well when cut and most beautiful under artificial light. If you admire a pink dahlia, you will love this one
Pop Stewart.—Giant decorative. This is a remarkable flower of great size. In the young state the petals appear rosy pink, but as it matures the flower undergoes a complete transformation, toning out into a most exquisite shade of the purest lilac-pink. We can recommend it as one of the finest dahlias of its shade in existence. It is a wonderful grower, with splendid stem. Awarded Certificate of Merit, trial gardens, Dahlia Society of N. J., scoring 90 points\$4.00
Profusion. H.C.—Flowers of this variety are of such a pleasing shape, so full and double, that they never show an open center, and are produced in such marvelous profusion that they cover the plant with a mass of white\$1.00
Rienzi. D.—Big, bold flowers of great depth and unique coloring, bright scarlet verging on vermillion, with a reverse of gold. The peculiar petal formation makes these contrasting colors most striking. The bushes are low-growing and compact and we advise cutting out the central stem so the plant will branch freely. Large exhibition type, early bloomer, stiff stem
Robert Treat. D.—This new introduction has won the highest prizes offered, whenever exhibited, the last two seasons, and has doubled the sales of any other dahlia at all shows American Beauty rose color, flowers 9 to 11 inches across and 4 inches deep, held well above the foliage on long, strong stems. Free bloomer and keeps well when cut

- Rose Ash. C.—This is a new color in dahlias. The outside of the petals is tan, heavily overlaid with pink and shaded with chrome yellow. The reverse of the petals is smoky pink, and the effect of this peculiar blending of colors is ashes of rose. If you like Rose Ash, the beautiful California gladiola, you will love Rose Ash, the dahlia, and appreciate the fitness of the name. A producer of a wealth of blooms from early to late season on stiff stems, and perhaps owing to this characteristic will not keep its center the entire season.......\$1.00

- Sunkist.—A hybrid cactus dahlia of immense size, glorious form and color. The flower is composed of broad flat petals which roll up, giving somewhat the appearance of large quills. Color of these petals is a glowing rosy salmon. Center petals are wide and flat and a lively canary-yellow color, very full and double. This yellow rosette of wide petals set in the long, partially quilled outer parts, is most beautiful......\$2.00
- Susan G. Tevis. D.—This decorative has a distinctly new color tone, best described as a shade of lilac with a bluish sheen. The blossoms are regularly formed of narrow, flat, pointed petals. It is a very large, graceful bloom of fine depth. A very vigorous grower of dark bronze foliage, which makes a striking contrast to the dark lilac flowers. Very fine stem......\$2.50

- Trentonian. D.—A giant decorative dahlia of a shade that appeals and captivates at one glance and is really symbolic of Autumn. The color is that of an Indian's skin a wonderful blending of old gold, amber and coppery bronze—the whole forming a flower of marvelous brilliancy, with a central zone of reddish bronze. The petals are broad and well-placed, with the appearance of velvet and constitution of leather, making a flower of great lasting qualities. This flower is highly recommended either for garden or exhibition for its size, stem and grand color. Awarded Certificate of Merit at the trial gardens of the Dahlia Society of N. J., New Brunswick, N. J., scoring 89 points.......\$3,50
- Tryphinnie. D.—A lovely flower of bright shell pink, shading lighter at the tips of the petals. At the base and throughout the petals is seen a bright golden yellow. The reverse of the petals is a rich pink, giving the flower a decidedly new color. The stem, rigid and strong, lifts this good-sized blossom high above a low-growing plant. One of our best exhibition as well as cut flowers.......\$1.00

WE GROW OVER ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY VARIETIES

If you do not find what you want, write us - pethaps we can supply you.



DAHLIA SEED

Dahlia seed will bloom in ten weeks after planting. Sow in the house in March and transplant as soon as danger of frost is past in the open ground.

ONE HUNDRED SEED IN EACH PACKET

	Pkt.
Run of the field	.25
Selected seed	\$1.00
Special seed	\$2.50
California hand hybridized	\$10.00
Pompon seed	.50

Pompon Dahlias

Why not grow a few of these miniature dahlias? We assure you that you will be delighted when you see what a beautiful table decoration they make. One of the most lasting of the dahlia family.

Achilles-Delicate lavender-tinted lilac.

Amber Queen-Lovely shade of amber. Good for cutting.

Aimee-Tiny bronze. Good stem.

Arthur-Brilliant scarlet. New - fine.

Bobby-Plum color.

Bronze Beauty-Bronze. Small and pretty.

Candy Kid-Coral pink, shading lavender.

Coral Queen-Beautiful shade of coral red.

Dandy-Orange. One of the best.

Fascination-Pink and lavender.

Gene-Light gold, brown-eyed center.

Goldie-Tiny flower, pure gold.

Gusta-Light maroon, reverse white.

Hecla-White.

Isabel-Mauve pink.

Jessica—Amber, edged red.

Jonnie-Crimson maroon. The best Pom - can't be beat.

Little Bessie-Cream-tipped lavender.

Little Jennie-Cream.

Midget-Salmon and pink.

Nelly Frezer-White-tipped rose.

Nora Reynolds-Indian red.

Perfect-Yellow-tipped rosy pink.

Phoebe-Orange and red.

Purity—White.

Pure Love—Blush.

Regulus—Cerise purple.

Rosebud-White ground, tipped rosy pink.

Yellow Gem—Cream yellow.

Winifred-White-tipped lavender.

All Pompons 50 cents each — dozen, \$5.00. One dozen our selection, \$3.00.

Tuber Dividing Shears





Visitors Welcome

We are always pleased to have you visit our show grounds, whenever you are in or near Trenton.

Our grounds are situated on the River Road, or Sanhican Drive, as it is now called, which is a continuation of West State Street.

If coming by automobile, drive west on State Street, and we are just a mile from the end of the trolley line.

If coming by train, take any trolley going west at the Clinton Street Station, and get off at Willow Street and take the Lambertville Bus, which passes the grounds. Or telephone 7-8950-M and we will be glad to come to the station for you.

Dahlia Culture

AHLIAS do best in a light, porous soil, with good drainage. Wet feet are as fatal to them as to roses. While they do fairly well in 25 per cent. shade, an open location, in full sunshine, is much to be desired. Do not have the soil too rich, for too much fertilizer, too much water, or too much shade, will cause the plants to grow tall and rank, but almost barren of blooms. Heavy clay soil should be made light and friable by adding ashes or sand, 40 per cent. being none too much. Cultivation is everything with dahlias. Never allow the top of the ground to become hard and baked. Keep it finely pulverized with hoe or rake, particularly so during dry weather. In 1926 the season was a poor one for dahlias in many parts of the East, the weather being dry and hot. If your dahlias do not do well any year, the weather may be to blame. Do not blame the grower from whom you bought your tubers. Your soil, your failure to cultivate often enough, plus your weather, may account for all success. Do not plant too early, the tubers may rot during a cold wet spell. Plant 6 to 7 inches deep, laying tuber flat, sprout side uppermost; cover two inches and fill in the rest of the soil as the plant grows. This may keep tuber from rotting. Do not plant when the soil is sticky-wet after rains. Do not let fresh fertilizer touch the tuber. Use a cupful of bone meal to a plant, and if you add any barnyard manure to very infertile soil, be sure the manure is old, well-rotted and mixed thoroughly in the soil. A small tuber is as good, often better, than a big one. Dahlias may be planted from the first of May to the first of July. June first is about right. The dahlia is an Autumn flower and blooms best when the heat of August has passed away. Follow our suggestions and write us of your success in the Fall. We have far better success from plowing manure into the ground in the Fall, where it can decay all Winter, and at planting time using wood ashes scratched into the top soil (not over 2 inches, lest the roots be injured) when the flower buds show, will increase brilliancy of color of blooms and improve the tubers, for all root crops require potash. Flower buds usually appear in threes. Pinch off two, leaving the largest one, and obtain much finer blooms. Scrape away enough earth to make a basin-shaped hollow 2 feet in diameter about each plant, sprinkle a generous handful of sheep or poultry manure, slowly pour in three buckets of water, fill the hollow with earth after the water disappears. Repeat this every ten days and your blooms will be large and fine. After frost kills the plants, dig carefully lest the necks of the tubers be broken; dry half a day in the sun and air, and pack closely, stems downward, in paper-lined barrels and boxes, covering top carefully with paper, and then with old rags or bags. The clumps of tubers must not dry out during the Winter or the buds will be injured—very probably killed. Look them over now and then, covering more carefully if need be, and scraping off all mold or rot that may develop. When you receive our tubers, unpack immediately. check up to verify order, and keep them in moist but not wet earth or sand till planted.

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